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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/492,269.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

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The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Specifically, claim 9 recites: a "spot position detection means for generating a spot position signal"; a "correction signal generation means for receiving the spot position signal as an input, and generating a correction signal"; a "subtracting means for subtracting the correction signal from the spot position signal"; and a "control means for causing a traverse loop filter to filter an output of the subtracting means". These claimed elements can only be found within the specification with reference to the disclosed embodiment of the invention illustrated in figure 7. Claim 9 further recites "first control means for causing a spot position loop filter to filter the spot position signal to generate a first processed signal and outputting the first processed signal to the first moving means". However, there is no such "first control means" within the embodiment of the invention disclosed with reference to figure 7, e.g., there is no "spot position loop filter to filter the spot position signal" generated by spot position detection circuit 110 of figure 7. Accordingly, claim 9 contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This is a new matter rejection.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Specifically, claim 9 recites: a "spot position detection means for generating a spot position signal"; a "correction signal generation means for receiving the spot position signal as an input, and generating a correction signal"; a "subtracting means for subtracting the correction signal from the spot position signal"; and a "control means for causing a traverse loop filter to filter an output of the subtracting means". These claimed elements can only be found within the specification with reference to the disclosed embodiment of the invention illustrated in figure 7.

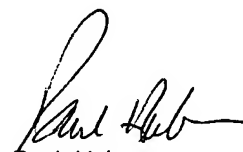
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Claim 9 further recites "first control means for causing a spot position loop filter to filter the spot position signal to generate a first processed signal and outputting the first processed signal to the first moving means". However, there is no such "first control means" within the embodiment of the invention disclosed with reference to figure 7, e.g., there is no "spot position loop filter to filter the spot position signal" generated by spot position detection circuit 110 of figure 7. Accordingly, claim 9 contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, claim 9 is rejected as being indefinite because it is not understood how the "first control means", which appears to correspond to an embodiment of the invention disclosed with reference to figure 4, forms a structural cooperative relationship with the "correction signal generation means", "subtracting means" and "control means" which appears to correspond to a different embodiment of the invention disclosed with reference to figure 7. Perhaps the applicant actually meant the "first control means for causing a tracking loop filter [spot position loop filter] to filter a tracking error signal [the spot position signal] to generate a first processed signal and outputting the first processed signal to the first moving means".

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 571-272-7588.



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